



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Recreation and Parks Association has designated the month of July as Recreation and Parks Month to focus on the importance of parks and recreation in our lives, to promote wellness, and appropriate leisure lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the week of July 9-15 is Therapeutic Recreation Week to focus on the importance of Therapeutic Recreation programs and services, and expand quality recreation and leisure opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, parks, recreation activities, and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people and individuals with disabilities to live, grow, and develop into contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, the week of July 16-22 is National Aquatics Week to focus on the importance of Aquatic safety and the value of swimming and aquatic activities in the health and well being of individuals; and

WHEREAS, the week of July 9-15 is National Youth Sports Week to restore the focus on the child's experience and child development for the 42 million children who participate in organized sports each year; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation create lifelines and continues life experience for older members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, parks provide opportunities for physical recreation and meaningful leisure, which contribute to the physical and mental well-being of residents; and

WHEREAS, regular participation in recreation, youth sports, and aquatics activities provides regular physical activity helping to combat childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, individual and organized forms of recreation and the creative use of free time have gained growing importance in the lives of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, parks also offer a place for community-wide recreation and social interaction through organized events, bringing people together, providing valuable social experiences creating a sense of community through recreational pursuits; and

WHEREAS, parks, playgrounds, ball fields, nature trails, bike and bike paths, open spaces, community and cultural centers, and historic sites make a communities attractive and desirable places to live, work, play, and visit, contributing to our ongoing economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the Garden State Preservation Trust seeks to preserve an additional one million acres of open space and farmland in the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Garden State have long recognized the significance of recreation, parks and conservation as essential to an active, health lifestyle and have supported the Green Acres and Green Trust Programs which preserve parks, greenways, and open space; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey takes pride in the scope of leisure opportunities offered through local recreation departments, county agencies, state agencies, institutional and commercial settings; and

WHEREAS, the use and enjoyment of park and recreation facilities are available to all people, regardless of social or economic background, age or disabling condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON S. CORZINE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

JULY 2006

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RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH

in New Jersey, and encourage all citizens and visitors to the Garden State to recreate and enjoy New Jersey. You'll find that New Jersey has a multitude of recreational opportunities awaiting.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Jersey, this
first day of July in the year
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the Independence of the United States,
the two hundred and thirtieth.

GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

NINA MITCHELL WELLS
SECRETARY OF STATE